



USDA, Rural Development

533 Housing Preservation Grants

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◆ OBJECTIVE

To repair or rehabilitate individual housing, rental properties, or co-ops owned and/or occupied by very low and low income rural persons. Grant funds are administered by eligible applicants, who in turn make funds available to eligible households.

◆ ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- ◆ A state, commonwealth, trust territory, other political subdivision, or public non-profit corporation authorized to receive and administer Housing Preservation Grant funds
- ◆ An American Indian Tribe, band, group, or nation, including Alaskan Indians, Aleuts, Eskimos, and any Alaskan Native Village of the United States which is considered an eligible recipient under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act or under the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972
- ◆ A private non-profit corporation that is owned and controlled by private persons or interests for purposes other than making gains or profits for the corporation is legally precluded from distributing any gains or profits to its members, and is authorized to undertake housing development activities
- ◆ A collection of units of government and/or private non-profit organizations which is otherwise eligible to receive and administer Housing Preservation Grant funds

◆ ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES

- ◆ Must be located in rural areas of Maine. Based on population, some areas are restricted. Descriptions and maps are available at Rural Development offices and on the internet at: <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/mainervlet>
- ◆ Cannot be located in a flood hazard area
- ◆ For Individual Units: Homeowner must have income that meets the very low or low income definition, be the owner of an individual dwelling at least one year prior to the time of assistance, and be the intended occupant of the dwelling subsequent to the time of assistance
- ◆ For Rental Units: Tenant must have income that meets the very low or low income definition, must be the intended occupant of the unit, but is not required to have resided previously in the dwelling

◆ ELIGIBLE GRANT PURPOSES

Eligible grant purposes include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Install and/or repair of sanitary water and waste disposal systems, together with related plumbing and fixtures, that will meet local requirements
- ◆ Energy conservation measures, such as insulation and combination screen-storm windows and doors
- ◆ Repair or replacement of the heating system, including the installation of alternative systems such as woodburning stoves or space heaters, when appropriate and if local codes permit
- ◆ Electrical wiring
- ◆ Repair of, or provision for, structural supports and foundations
- ◆ Repair or replacement of the roof
- ◆ Replacement of severely deteriorated siding, porches, or stoops
- ◆ Alterations of the unit's interior or exterior to provide greater accessibility for any handicapped person
- ◆ Additions to any dwelling, when it is clearly necessary to alleviate overcrowding or to remove health hazards to the occupants
- ◆ Replacement housing

For more information regarding the Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant Program visit our web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/me, or contact the Rural Development State Office.

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